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RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC)

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1. AT SESSION OF UN HRC WHICH OPENS IN GENEVA FEBRUARY 2
ONE OF PRINCIPAL QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA WILL BE THE HUMAN
RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE. FINAL REPORT OF HRC'S WORKING
GROUP WILL BE PRESENTED BY WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN ALLANA.
QUESTION OF EXTENTION OF MANDATE OF WORKING GROUP FOR
ANOTHER YEAR WILL BE BEFORE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO
PROVISION OF GA RESOLUTION 3448 (XXX) (FOR WHICH US VOTED)
INVITING HRC TO EXTEND MANDATE.

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2. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF AMBASSADOR WERE TO DISCUSS WITH APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL GOC OFFICIAL USG VIEWPOINT, AS OUTLINED BELOW, OF FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS. OUR OVERRIDING INTEREST IS THAT HRC DISCUSSIONS BE KEPT IN CHANNELS WHICH WILL BE MOST LIKELY TO ENCOURAGE CHANGES FOR THE BETTER IN CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION.

3. INCREASING CONCERN WITH WHICH USG REGARDS CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION WAS REFLECTED IN OUR AFFIRMATIVE VOTE FOR RESOLUTION AT 30TH GA. USG CONCERN, WHICH IS UNIFORMLY SHARED BY OTHER WEO GOVERNMENTS, HAS BEEN ACCENTUATED BY INCIDENTS INVOLVING FATHER PANCHOT AND UK DR. SHEILA CASSIDAY. INVOLVEMENT OF US NATIONALS IN CHARGES OF MISTREATMENT OR WORSE HAS HEIGHTENED US CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC CONCERN. IN OUR COMMENTS ON SITUATION USREP AT HRC INTENDS TO REFER SPECIFICALLY TO FATHER PANCHOT, AND VERY BRIEFLY TO AMY CONGER, SITUATION IN UNDERLINING OUR DEEP CONCERN AT OCCURRENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES WHICH HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BEYOND QUESTION AND OUR DISMAY THAT SO LITTLE PROGRESS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN IMPROVING THE SITUATION.

4. USG CONTINUES TO HOPE THAT GOC WILL TAKE ACTIONS WHICH WILL INDICATE AN AWARENESS OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN OVER THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE AND A DESIRE TO CORRECT THE ABUSES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED. ONE GESTURE WHICH WE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND WOULD BE AN INDICATION FROM GOC OF ITS WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT VISIT FROM HRC WORKING GROUP IN NEAR FUTURE. UNLESS SOME SUCH GESTURE OF COOPERATION IS MADE BY GOC WHICH WILL ERASE AT LEAST IN PART THE VERY BAD IMPRESSION MADE BY THE FAILURE OF THE GOC TO ABIDE BY ITS PROMISE TO RECEIVE WORKING GROUP LAST SUMMER, USG IS CONVINCED THAT STRONGER CONDEMNATORY MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN BY THE HRC AND IN OTHER UN FORUMS. OUR OWN POSITION WILL BE GREATLY INFLUENCED BY EVIDENCE, OR LACK THEREOF, OF INTENTION OF GOC TO MOVE IN DIRECTION OF IMPROVING HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. USG WORKED PARTICULARLY CLOSELY WITH GOC REPS AT LAST HRC SESSION TO ACHIEVE RESULT BOTH GOVERNMENTS THOUGHT MOST APPROPRIATE UNDER THE CIRCUM-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STANCES. WE CONTINUE TO DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL TO GOC. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT WITHOUT AN APPROPRIATE GESTURE BY GOC TREND TOWARDS COMPLETE ISOLATION OF THAT GOVERNMENT IN THE UN WILL BE ACCELERATED.

5. WE SHALL USE THESE POINTS WITH TRUCCO AS YOU SUGGESTED REFTEL. KISSINGER

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